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ENCLOSUREREPORT BY THE DIRECTOR, ARMED FORCES SECURITY AGENCY

to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

CONSOLIDATION OF THE CRYPTOLOGIC  
ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES

Reference: J.C.S. 2010 Series

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 of the directive in Enclosure "B" to J.C.S. 2010/6, the following report on the status of the consolidation of the cryptologic activities of the armed forces is hereby submitted.

2. The following chronologic listing summarizes the principal actions which have been taken with respect to subject consolidation.

a. 20 May 1949 - Memorandum sent to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Secretary of Defense establishing the Armed Forces Security Agency (Enclosure to J.C.S. 2010).

b. 29 June 1949 - Secretary of Defense approved the Joint Chiefs of Staff appointment of Rear Admiral Stone as Director, AFSA (Enclosure to J.C.S. 2010/3).

c. 6 July 1949 - The Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council (AFCIAC) held its first meeting, organized in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph 2c of J.C.S. 2010 and instituted action to draft an Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council (AFCIAC) charter and a directive for the Director, AFSA. (The Council has been meeting on an average of twice monthly since its establishment.)

d. 15 July 1949 - Rear Admiral Stone assumed Office as Director, AFSA with headquarters at Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C. (Enclosure to J.C.S. 2010/5).

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e. 22 July 1949 - Several study groups were formed, with representation from each Service, to determine in considerable detail, how best to consolidate and organize the various activities to be included in AFSA. (This work was completed late in August.)

f. 28 July 1949 - In J.C.S. 2010/6, the AFSCIAC Charter and the Directive to Director, AFSA were submitted to Joint Chiefs of Staff by AFSCIAC for approval.

g. 1 September 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations in J.C.S. 2010/6. The directive to the Director, AFSA thus approved, required the submission, as soon as practicable, via AFSCIAC, of specific and detailed recommendations as to initial composition, organization, and physical location of AFSA. The directive also required that upon completion of consolidation, not later than 1 January 1950, the Director, AFSA report the fact via AFSCIAC to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

h. 30 September 1949 - J.C.S. 2010/10, which set forth a general consolidation plan, and J.C.S. 2010/11, which set forth the initial composition, organization and physical location of AFSA, were submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for approval.

i. 1 October 1949 - The Director, AFSA assumed operational control of the cryptologic activities of the Department of Defense as provided in the Secretary of Defense directive dated 20 May 1949.

j. 22 October 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendation in J.C.S. 2010/12, effecting a change in title of "Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council (AFSCIAC)" to "Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC)."

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k. 25 October 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations of J.C.S. 2010/10 and 2010/11. (This action permitted the consolidation and organization plans to be implemented.)

l. 16 December 1949 - The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) promulgated a memorandum "Financing of Armed Forces Security Agency." (Appendix to J.C.S. 2010/14)

m. 25 December 1949 - The Director, AFSA assumed administrative control of all civilian personnel performing functions for which he assumed operational control on 1 October 1949.

3. The status of consolidation as of 1 January 1950 is as follows:

a. Functional Consolidation

The Armed Forces Security Agency was established in order to provide for the placing under one authority the conduct of communication intelligence and communication security activities within the Department of Defense, except for those activities which are to be conducted individually by the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force. On 1 October 1949, as indicated in subparagraph 2i, above, the Director, AFSA, assumed operational control of the cryptologic activities of the Department of Defense as provided in the Secretary of Defense directive, effecting functional consolidation. The organization as approved in J.C.S. 2010/11 has been placed in effect.

b. Physical Consolidation

The general consolidation plan approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 25 October 1949 (see subparagraph 2k. above), provided the basis for a detailed physical consolidation and movement plan which had the objective of concentrating essentially all communication intelligence and

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associated research and development activities at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia and essentially all communication security and associated research and development activities at the Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C. The plan was so designed as to permit the movement to take place in the minimum amount of time consistent with the requirement for continuing the cryptologic operations at a high level during the move. As of 31 December 1949 the movement schedule was 70% complete. It is estimated that, with one minor exception, the physical consolidation will be completed by 31 January 1950.

c. Administrative Consolidation

(1) The following administrative actions have been taken in connection with subject consolidation.

(a) Establishment of AFSA Headquarters at Navy Communication Station, Washington, 15 July 1949. (Enclosure to J.C.S. 2010/5)

(b) The Department of the Army was appointed as the Fiscal Agent for AFSA on 16 December 1949. (Appendix to J.C.S. 2010/14)

(c) Administrative control of the civilian personnel allocated to AFSA was assumed by the Director, AFSA on 25 December 1949.

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